FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Clara Neal

March 2, 1917 - January 9, 1997

Services Held
Tuesday, January 14, 1997 - 11:00 a.m.

Psalms 86: 1-3

Bow down thine ear, Oh Lord, hear me; for I am poor and needy. Preserve my soul; for I am holy; Oh, thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Be merciful unto me, Oh Lord, for I cry unto thee daily.

OBITUARY

Clarese "Clara" Neal was born March 2, 1917, in Hillhouse, Mississippi. She was the eldest of five children born to the late Phillip and Ophelia Cathion.

When Clara was a young child, her family moved to St. Louis, Missouri where she was educated. She attended both parochial and public schools.

At an early age, Clara accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her savior, and became a member of the Pleasant Green Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Clara was a member of the choir and served on the usher board.

Clara was married to the late Mr. Willie Harris. She later married Mr. Louis Shankley Neal with whom she bore four children: Ophelia, Deborah, Carol and Louis Cedric Neal.

Known for her love of humor and quick wit, Clara was affectionately known to some as "Smiley". Clara also had a great appreciation for music and dance.

Clara was employed by the Isaac T. Cook Realty Company for 29 years before health reasons forced her into retirement. In spite of all of life's hardships, including her failing health, Clara never lost her ability to live life to its fullest, laugh, and bring joy to others.

In 1979, Clara moved to California to be near her daughters and their families. She enjoyed spending time with her peers at the adult day care centers she attended.

Clara departed from this life peacefully in her sleep on the morning of January 9, 1997.

Clara leaves to cherish her memory: a son, Louis Cedric Neal of Raytown, Missouri, and three daughters, Ophelia Costello of Sacramento, California, Deborah Jenkins and Carol Neal both of Richmond, California. A brother, Alfredric Cathion of Centreville, Illinois, a sister, Earline McGee of Fairview Heights, Illinois. She leaves two son-in-laws, Ollie Costello and Winston Jenkins, daughter-in-law, Joyce Neal, a niece, Jacqueline Hayes, grandchildren: Lonnie Anton Anderson, Dameron Anderson, Christopher Jenkins, Christel Jenkins, Hysyck Jenkins, Chantal Alexander, Kendra Neal, greatgrandchildren: Lonnie Jelan Anderson, Kamrei Jenkins, Ashleigh Lincoln, dearest cousins, Ermatine Joyce, Cleo Napper and Corrine Gordon and a host of other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude.....

Processional.....Family

Invocation.....Reverend C. W. Newsome

Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Selection.....Precious Lord
Vocal Soloist: Melinda Clairborne

Acknowledgment of Condolences.....

Obituary(Read Silently).....

Selection.....ComeYe,Disconsolate
Trombone Solo: Louis C. Neal

Words of Comfort.....Reverend C. W. Newsome

Departing View.....

Benediction.....

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Honorary Pallbearers

Lonnie Anderson
Alfredric Cathion
Ollie Costello
Christopher Jenkins
Manuel Jenkins
Winston Jenkins
Louis C. Neal

Acknowledgment

The Neal family offers thanks to all well-wishers and family for their kind and gracious gestures during this home going celebration.

~INTERMENT~

Brookings Cemetary
Raytown, Missouri

Service Entrusted To:

Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Service
E. R. Morris Funeral Service

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